

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 11, and 16-20 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A rotary electric machine comprising:

a rotor; and

a stator having a stator core with a plurality of slots and a stator winding,

wherein:

the slots include a plurality of regular slots located side by side and a plurality of irregular slots located side by side, and

the stator winding has a plurality of continuous wires wound at least one time around the stator core, the continuous wire having a plurality of in-slot portions accommodated in the slots and coil ends, the in-slot portions and the coil ends being arranged to provide a discontinuity of the stator winding at a region where the irregular slots are located.

5. (Amended) The rotary electric machine according to claim 1, wherein the stator winding has output leads extending beyond the coil ends, the output leads being located on a region where the irregular slots are located.

Please add new claim 21 as follows:

- 21. An alternator for vehicle, comprising:

a rotor;

a stator having a stator core and a stator winding; and

a frame for supporting the rotor and the stator, wherein

the stator winding includes in-slot portions disposed in a plurality of slots having openings on an inside of the stator core, and coil end portions extended from an axial end of the stator core,

the in-slot portions including irregular in-slot portions disposed in irregular slots located side by side, and regular in-slot portions other than the irregular in-slot portions,

at least a part of strands providing the regular in-slot portions being connected with other strands providing the other in-slot portions disposed in the other two of different slots via the coil end portions,

each of the strands providing the irregular in-slot portions being connected with other strands providing the other in-slot portions disposed in another slot,

a strand of each phase of the stator winding being arranged in at least to a corresponding portion of strand of the other phase, and being wound with each other so that the strands are prevented from separation.--

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-15 and 21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 3, 11 and 16-20 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1 and 5 are amended and claim 21 is added. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claims 3 and 11. Claim 5 is amended to distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Support for new claim 21 may be found throughout the specification and at least at page 2, lines 8-22, page 5, line 1, and page 7, lines 1-13. Thus, no new matter is added.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii)) and claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

The Office Action objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) as failing to show all of the features recited in claims 1, 6 and 8. The objection to the drawings is respectfully traversed.

Applicant asserts that the Figures, as presented, show the subject matter recited in claims 1, 6 and 8. For example, in the first embodiment, six conductors Z1, X1, Y1, Z2, X2, and Y2 are simultaneously wound on the tool 100 as shown in Figures 6-8, by following the